

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

RONALD WILLIAMS,

Petitioner,

-against-

DEP. HILTON, *et al.*,

Respondents.

23-CV-10320 (LTS)

TRANSFER ORDER

LAURA TAYLOR SWAIN, Chief United States District Judge:

Petitioner, currently incarcerated at Mid-State Correctional Facility, brings this *pro se* petition for a writ of *habeas corpus* under 28 U.S.C. § 2254 challenging the constitutionality of his 2023 conviction in the New York Supreme Court, Queens County. Because Petitioner was convicted and sentenced in Queens County, which is located in the Eastern District of New York, this action is transferred under Local Rule 83.3 to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York. Whether Petitioner should be permitted to proceed further without payment of fees is a determination to be made by the transferee court.¹

The Clerk of Court is directed to transfer this action to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York. This order closes this case.

Because Petitioner has not at this time made a substantial showing of the denial of a constitutional right, a certificate of appealability will not issue under 28 U.S.C. § 2253.

¹ Petitioner did not pay the \$5.00 filing fee or submit an application to proceed without payment of fees (“*in forma pauperis*”).

The Court certifies under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(3) that any appeal from this order would not be taken in good faith, and therefore *in forma pauperis* status is denied for the purpose of an appeal. *Cf. Coppedge v. United States*, 369 U.S. 438, 444–45 (1962) (holding that an appellant demonstrates good faith when he seeks review of a nonfrivolous issue).

SO ORDERED.

Dated: November 28, 2023
New York, New York

/s/ Laura Taylor Swain

LAURA TAYLOR SWAIN
Chief United States District Judge